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PATENT APPLICATION



IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:

HIROFUMI SUDA, ET AL.

Application No.: 09/371,537

Filed: August 10, 1997

For: DATA COMMUNICATION
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AMENDMENT

Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated June 4, 2004, please amend the above-identified application as follows. The claim amendments are reflected in the listing that begins at page 2, and the Remarks begin at page 9.

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